Code Hearings

The last two of five public hearings on the new state highway access management code were held on May 10 and 14 in the State House Annex. The proposed regulations are part of the Department's TRANSPLAN package to improve traffic flow by curbing unlimited access to state highways.

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Building the last few miles of I-295 will be challenging and expensive

Two more pieces of the I-295 puzzle are about to be put in place.

When the entire interstate is complete in 1994 the road will extend from the Delaware Memorial Bridge to I-95 in Hopewell Township. However, finishing the remaining seven miles of road will be tricky and expensive.

Region IV Project Engineer Bill DeLucia is supervising construction of a five-mile section of I-295 in Gloucester County. The $106-million job is unique because it will turn a road with direct access to businesses and residences into a limited-access interstate with adjacent feeder roads.

DeLucia says maintaining traffic and access to businesses and residences during construction makes a complex job even harder.

"We're building five culverts, five retaining walls, eight noise barriers and repairing or replacing thirteen bridges," said DeLucia. "To do all this we have 300 different traffic control patterns to maintain traffic on the road and access to the businesses. By the time the project is finished we'll have detoured traffic 15 times and diverted it to new lanes 30 times. It takes a great deal of planning to pull this off without any problems."

DeLucia's job is the largest single contract ever awarded by the Department. However, he says his engineers are saving the state money by using some unique construction techniques.

"For the first time in New Jersey we're using a 'geotextile reinforced earth wall' system instead of steel retaining walls," said DeLucia. "The system uses fabric instead of expensive steel to hold back dirt until a new road bed can be built next to it. When the new section of road is ready, we just leave the fabric in place. The steel has to be removed. This new construction method will save the state thousands of dollars."

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Construction is also underway at the other end of I-295.

Commissioner Tom Downs and local officials broke ground for a $50.5-million contract that will extend the interstate from its present end at Rte. 130 to Crosswicks Creek near I-195. The contract includes a 1,600-foot bridge that will span the Bordentown waterfront.

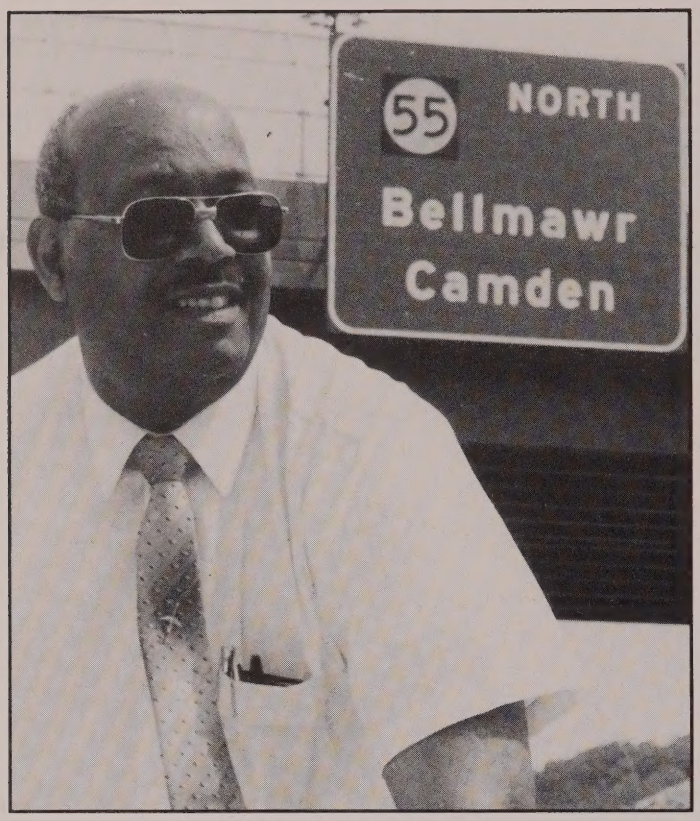
This contract is part of the Trenton Complex which will improve access to the state capitol and I-195. Remaining contracts include building Routes 129 and 29, and an interchange and connector. Total cost for the interstate sections alone will be nearly $400 million.

When the road is complete, DeLucia says it will be a permanent reminder of what talented state employees can accomplish.

"We're very proud of this job," said DeLucia.

Region IV Project Engineer Bill DeLucia and Principal Engineer George Lobman inspect the progress of part of I-295 in Gloucester County. The southern end should be complete in 1993.

101 CPM graduates receive certificates



Robert Gaffin, Project Engineer, Construction, a recent graduate of the Certified Public Manager's Program, worked on Route 55 in Gloucester County.

Certificates were presented to 101 employees who have completed course requirements in the Certified Public Managers (CPM) program.

Established in 1983, the program consists of six levels of study. Those completing the first three, known as Layer I, receive a Certificate in Supervising Techniques.

Those who successfully complete the three advanced levels receive a Certified Public Manager designation.

In separate ceremonies held recently, 14 employees were honored for completing Levels IV, V or VI and 87 were recognized for completing Layer I.

Levels IV-VI

Graduates of Levels IV,V and VI were: Salim Baig, Manager, Structural Evaluation, Design; Prakash Bhatt, Project Engineer, Structural Transportation; Karl Blum, Project Engineer, Electrical; Candie Brown, Chief, Bureau of Classifications and Payroll Records, Personnel Services; Harry Capers, Supervising Highway Engineer, Bridge Design; Richard Delaney, Engineer Specifications, Design; Jacob Dressler, Project Engineer, Program Monitoring.

Michael Eckel, Supervising Engineer II, Surface Design; Robert Gaffin, Project Engineer, Const. & Maint.; Richard Jablonski, Administrative Analyst I, Accounting and Auditing; Edward Myzie, Principal Engineer, Const. & Maint.; F. Rodney Roberson, Personnel Assistant III, Const. & Maint.; Anthony Sabidussi, Section Chief, Project Development; Louis Tondini, Supervisor Office Services, Central Services.

Layer I

Graduates of Layer I were: Joseph M. Acerra, Manager, Facilities Management and Operations; Donald K. Baker, Sr. Engineer, Electrical; Lisa A. Bellizio, Training Technician; Nicholas A. Caiazza, Supervising. Environmental Specialist; Mary Ellen Callahan, Sr. Engineer, Materials; Thomas B. Carbone, Project Engineer, Planning; Daniel Colucci, Supervisor, ROW District Appraisals and Review; John J. Corbo, Project Engineer, Construction; Joseph Coult, Engineering Technician I.

Shobhana G. Dandekar, Pr. Engineer, Transportation; Richard O. Domboski, Building Services Coordinator I; Michael J. Drangula, Project Engineer, Surface Design; Eileen C. Fitzpatrick, Executive Assistant I; Robert E. Ford, Supervisor, Building Repairs; Clinton J. Griggs, Pr. Landscape Architect; Fred H. Heery, Sr. Engineer, Transportation; William J. Hines, Pr. Engineer, Transportation; Joshua F. Idowu, Engineer, Structures, Plans and Specifications; Phillip I. Jones, Area Supervisor, Bridge Operations; William G. Keith, Section Supervisor, Personnel Services; Peter J. Kenny, Project Engineer, Surface Design; Ellen M. Kozar, Accountant I; James C. Lane, Supervising Engineer, Structural Evaluation; Paul S. Lindberg, Pr. Engineer, Transportation; Michael J. MacFeeters, Administrative Analyst II; Jakob G. Mahler, Pr. Engineer, Transportation.

Michael Manfredi, Supervisor, ROW 2 Transportation; William A. Mangan, Supervising Engineer 2, Surface Design; James A. Miller Jr., Crew Supervisor, Electrical Operations; Geraldine Murphy, Head Accident Record Reviewer; Patricia E. Owens, Administrative Analyst I; Judith S. Parrish, Supervisor, Office of Ridesharing; Frederick M. Quinn, Pr. Engineer, Transportation.

Ferguson R. Reeves, Affirmative Action Specialist I; Janet B. Russell, Administrative Analyst I; Ralph L. Shiflett, Sr. Special Investigator, Transportation; Judith Sigle, Auditor I; Stephen D. Stanhope, Auditor I; Albert Virgilio, Pr. Engineer, Structural Bridge Design; Manuel E. Viteri, Pr. Engineer, Structural Bridge Design; Joseph J. Weber, Principal. Engineer, Transportation.

Lisa A. Bellizio, Training Technician; Joseph M. Acerra, Manager, Bureau of Facilities Management and Operations and Judith S. Parrish, Supervisor, Office of Ridesharing, recent graduates of Layer I, share experiences outside the E&O Building at the Headquarters Complex.

Chmielewski's job is a moving experience

You can't make a move at the NJDOT without Records and Services Manager Anne Chmielewski having something to do with it.

Chmielewski and her staff planned and carried out a flawless move into the Main Office Building from March 1 to the middle of April. Over 600 staffers are now housed in the refurbished facility .

Chmielewski said planning the move down to the smallest detail was the key to making the process near painless.

"Planning for this move began almost a year ago," said Chmielewski. "We believed the key to a smooth move was keeping people informed about the building. Most people adjusted well to the building because they knew what to expect."

Director of Support Services Donald Chiacchio said he was impressed with Chmielewski's ability to handle the move details and her regular duties.

"Anne did a great job of balancing her regular duties and the move," said Chiacchio. "She wrote the specs for the movers, supervised the contracts and kept the NJDOT units informed while seeing to her regular responsibilities including Departmental record-keeping, printing and mail coordination. I was impressed with her organization."

Chmielewski said meeting with the office move coordinators kept employees informed about the move.

"In the meetings we had with the move coordinators we covered more than the rules of the new building and housekeeping," said Chmielewski. "We also brought samples of the fabric to show them colors and texture. We brought blueprints showing the office layout. We even described the lighting.

"Much of the credit for the successful move goes to the office move coordinators," said Chmielewski. "They were great. We believed that if you explained what needs to be done the people will do it. We weren't disappointed."

Chmielewski anticipated many of the employees' concerns because she and her staff were part of the move.

"I was moving too so I was right in there with them," said Chmielewski. "I got first-hand experience with concerns about storage, phone lines and desk layout. It really made me appreciate the trauma that comes with moving."

Chmielewski is pleased with the way the move progressed. However, she's even happier about meeting employee expectations.

"Our people wanted something wonderful in the new building and I think they got it," said Chmielewski. "That's very satisfying."

Chmielewski's next move will bring staff from Newark to 1600 Olden Ave. in Trenton.

Supervising the mover's work was just one of the many details Chmielewski handled during the Main Office Building move.

People BRIEFS

New Appointments

Thomas Byrne was appointed as Legislative Liaison on March 24. Byrne has 24 years service with the Department and transferred from Region III Right of Way where he was a Principal Appraiser.

Millie Cox was appointed Secretary to the Commissioner on April 30. Cox was formerly an Administrative Assistant to Deputy Commissioner Bob Innocenzi.

Potpourri

THANKED: Ridgewood MWI **Joe Roe** found a wallet on Rte. 17 while performing some repairs. He gave the wallet to his Crew Supervisor **Mike DeVita** who called the owner. The surprised and thankful New Jersey resident picked the wallet up at the yard within a half-hour of losing it. The resident wrote to Assistant Commissioner Edson to express his thanks for the honesty and integrity of our employees.

BORN: To Region II C&M Technician III **Bill Root** and his wife, Sandy, a son, Stephen, on April 20.

DONE: Classification Analysts **Dana Kraml** and **Gina Jancso** graduated from Trenton State College. Kraml majored in Psychology. Jancso majored in Sociology.

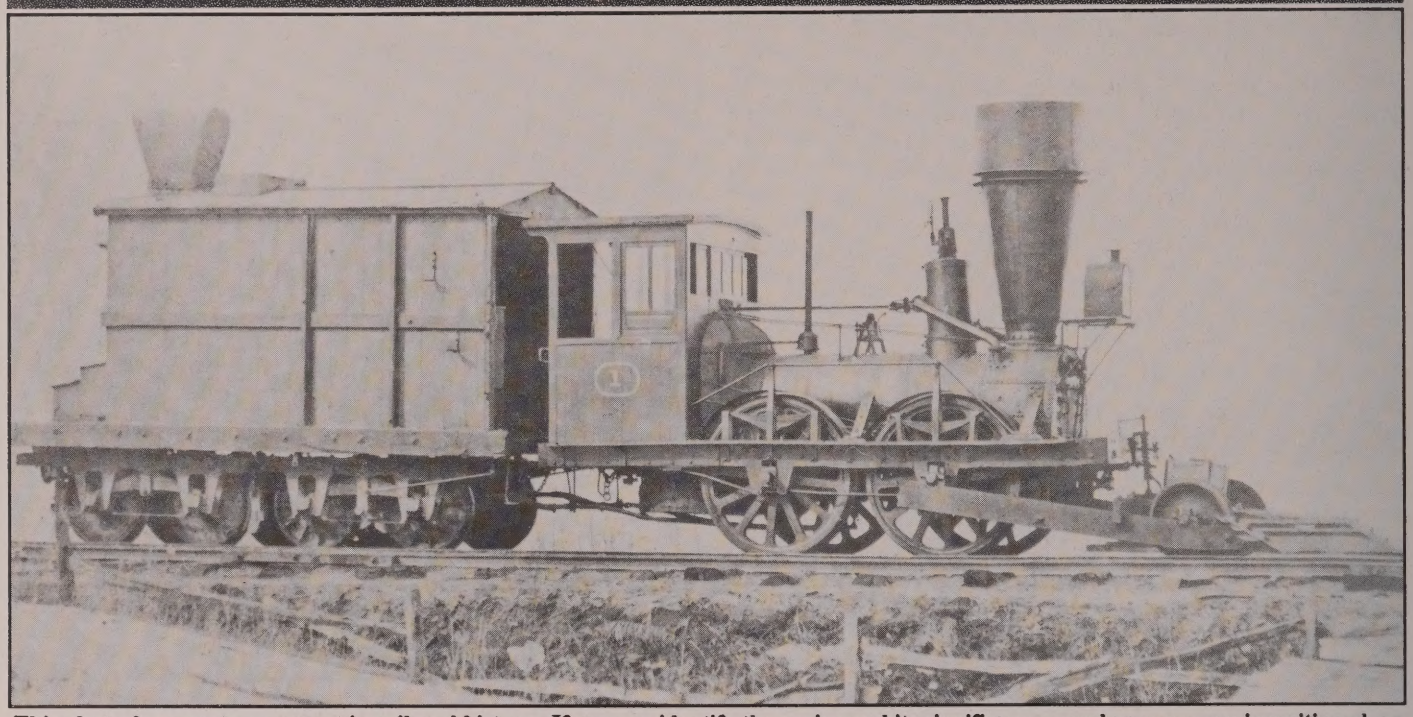
Retirees

Edward Norberg, C&M Technician I, C&M, 28 yrs.; **Richard Deck**, Truck Driver, C&M, 26 yrs.; **David Sweeney**, C&M Technician III, C&M, 26 yrs.; **Clinton Griggs**, Sr. Traffic Investigator, Design & ROW, 20 yrs.; **Henry E. Smith**, Electrical Mechanic I, C&M, 16 yrs.; **George Hagerthy**, Maintenance Worker I, C&M, 9 yrs.

Obituaries

John Davis, 92, died on April 26 in Hightstown. He is survived by his son, Harry, daughters, Clara, Marjorie and Marion, 11 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Moment in History



This photo documents a moment in railroad history. If you can identify the engine and its significance, send your answer in writing along with your name, title and unit to *Transporter,* Room 1500, Headquarters, Trenton. *Only one name per entry.* Do not send the *Transporter* photograph with your answer. Please submit your answer by June 1.

Twenty-four identify the Route 495 approach to the Lincoln Tunnel

Last month 24 employees correctly identified the Route 495 approach to the Lincoln Tunnel. They are: Chet Andres, Manager, Design Systems; Dot Andres, Manager, Maintenance Support; Jim Badgley, Local Trans. Planning; Frank Basek, Hwy. Marker, Crew 145, Netcong.

Joseph A. Bigg, Crew Supervisor, Crew 266, Bayway; Joseph Bodnar, Proj. Eng., Traffic Eng.; Harry Bonitz, Prin. Eng., Region 1 Design, Par-Troy; Russell Brown (retired), Local Aid; Lillian Foster, ROW Negotiator; Kevin A. Kosky, Truck Driver, Crew 2110; Raymond Kropinack, Sr. ROW Appraiser, ROW; Richard Little, Crew Supervisor, Crew 145.

Andrew Maevsky, Prin. Eng., Trans., Region 2 Design; Joan Matlack, Sec. Asst. 1, Region 3, Freehold; Aurelio Matos Jr., Sr. Eng., Region II Construction; Charles Melillo, Area Supervisor, Region 2 Maint.; Manoj Patel, Asst. Eng., Bureau of Equipment; Prakash Patel, Sr. Eng., Region I Design; Roy Schriever, Crew Supervisor, Region 1 Maint.; Henry Soloway, Project Eng., Region 2 Design, Newark; Norbert Teufel Jr., Prin. Eng., Trans., Local Aid, District 3, Freehold.

John Tomchick Jr., Sr. Eng. Electrical, Electrical Bur.; Guy Toscano, Asst. Crew Supervisor, Crew 157, Bridges and Structures; Jim Whittaker, Waterborne Transportation Coordinator, Mobility Management.

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